

Hospitality at Washington Takes On Patriotic Aspect—Two Residences Become Historic—Entertaining in the Garden Now on the Cards—Invitations Out for Miss Codman's Tulip Party—Miss Hegeman and Mr. Fairchild to Open Their Gardens This Week—Society Dines With Flowers and Without—The Sane Versus the Emotional Preparation for Whatever the Fates May Have in Store—Military Weddings Open and Close Week.

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WASHINGTON, accustomed as it is to the entertainment of personages, has seldom in so short a period had within its gates so many celebrated men and women as have gathered here from all sections of this country and from Europe in the few weeks since the government announced the country's decision to become a factor in the now world-wide struggle. Hotels and clubs are so thronged that the question of providing quarters for the Daughters of the American Revolution during their annual congress just closed was a serious one. Private houses have been patriotically opened to many of the strangers, and two, at least, have become historic and will be pointed out to future generations as the residence during their brief stay at Washington of the commissions of Great Britain and France. Both the Franklin MacVeagh house, in 10th street, where the representatives of the British government are to be domiciled, and the Henry White house, in Crescent place, crowning Meridian Hill, opened for the entertainment of the French envoys, were built within the last five or six years. Within a few blocks each of the French embassy, they command that same inspiring view of the city and the river on which the French ambassador and Mme. Jusserand dislike to draw the embassy curtains.

SPRINGTIME loveliness is at the full at Washington these late April days, and the fact that the season is a trifle backward, with the foliage still in its tenderest green and the magnolias on the White House lawn and flowering trees and shrubs in gardens elsewhere throughout the city holding lingeringly to their blossoms, rather enhances its charm. It is the moment when hostesses, seized to ask the world into their gardens. White manor houses in recent years all have shared the May beauty of the century-old park and gardens south of the house with many guests, a series of spring garden parties having become a regular feature of White House hospitality. The flower garden close to the south windows of the house where Mrs. Monroe grew roses, Mrs. Cleveland pansies and Mrs. Taft many old-fashioned flowers, begins to show the white and delicate cream tones in which it was planted last year to conform with the tastes of the present chateleine of the house. The pansies and tulips are already in flower. Another famous tulip garden on the eve of blooming is Miss Martha Codman's, hence those annual missives, Miss Codman's invitations to her friends to have tea with her in her terraced garden—Miss Codman's tulip party.

FAMOUS parties were given by the late Mrs. Leiter in the garden of her home, in Dupont Circle, every spring, the hostess, a past mistress in the gentle art of entertaining, watching for the moment when the garden approached its fullest beauty to dispatch her invitations. Mrs. Henry Kirke Porter's garden was as interesting to many of the patrons of the exhibit and sale of lace made by the Indian women of North America, for which she lent her house last week, as the exhibit. Miss Hegeman will have a garden party there this week during the session of the National Farm and Garden Association. A visit to Mr. David Fairchild's cherry trees will be another interesting feature of the program arranged for the sessions of the association. Farms and gardens begin to take on a new significance, and the country home during the coming months will rival the summer resort home, to some purpose.

SOCIETY has dined during the last ten days with varying degrees of formality and splendor. There have been dinner parties of three courses, dinner parties with fractional courses, salads, ices and soups being so construed by several ingenious hosts and hostesses; dinner parties adorned so far as table decorations went, and dinner parties with all the old-time profusion of flowers. Five thousand carnations made up the huge American flags that decorated the luncheon table in the red room at the Willard Friday when Mr. John B. Warring, wife of the smartest of New York. There are other industries than those of war supplies that must have patronage if prosperity is to be general, and entertaining has its place in the economic equation as well as in the social. The late Mrs. Bradley Martin gave a ball at New York a score of years ago that brought down denunciation upon her from pulpits and presses who saw in it only vanity and extravagance. It was a costume ball, and for weeks designers and those associated with them in the development of their creations were up to their eyes in work. Florists and caterers and musicians all were part of the elaborate scheme. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were put into circulation, and if it was a night to be decried, it brought in its wake days to be gratefully remembered by many hard-working men and women.

FLOWERS in the center of the dining table are a detail that should not be discarded without some thought of all those whose industry the delectable banquet represents. While the dinner could go on without them and be a success from many standpoints, they are one of the esthetic pleasures of the occasion, balancing others of a more material order. There is one form of floral decoration which, though very charming, should be frowned upon at times when every effort is making to conserve resources, and that is the use of fruit blossoms.

IN the matter of dress, which presents undeniable possibilities to the women bent on retrenching, some of the foreign women at Washington have been models of simplicity since the beginning of the war, even their hats, by way of emphasizing their frame of mind, verging on to the unbecoming. Others have taken a more modified view of the situation and, while they have worn their selections longer and oftener, they were more discreetly chosen to begin with, and their psychology, like their becomingness, more enduring.

PREPARATIONS for generous giving and a serious realization of the situation should not too much infringe on normal conditions so long as it is possible to maintain them. Diversions in reason are a requisite at such times of stress, and history teems with heroes who have gone from the ballroom to the battlefield. The Army and Navy Club was center of life and gaiety Thursday night, officers of all three branches of the service being among the hosts and guests at the dinners preceding the dance.

THE week closed as it opened, with a military wedding, the beautiful home ceremony which marked the marriage of Miss Helen McCumber and Lieut. Harrison Brand, jr., following closely upon the announcement of their engagement, a likely situation so long as the present conditions obtain.

The President attended the performance at Keith's last evening.

Mrs. Charles A. Spaulding has canceled her social engagements owing to the death of Sunday, April 15, of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Culver of Utica, N. Y. Mrs. Culver, who was ninety-eight years of age, was one of Utica's most revered citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bonaparte have leased the Reed villa in Bellevue avenue, Newport, for the coming summer.

Mrs. Jasper Muir of Bardonia, Ky., regent of the John Fitch Chapter, D. A. R., is a house guest of Representative and Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Mrs. Francis King of Alma, Mich., will be the guest of Mrs. McCagg this week during the sessions of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Mrs. King is president of the association.

Mrs. Dwight H. Bruce and Miss Jessica Bruce of Utica, N. Y., are at the Highlands for the spring months.

Mrs. Scott Visits D. A. R.

Among the interesting women who attended the congress of the D. A. R. last week was Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, former president general of the society and one of the most beloved of the women who have held that high office. Mrs. Scott visited Continental Memorial Hall Friday and was accorded a wonderful ovation by all the delegates and spectators arriving and standing while she made a delightful address, characterized by her usual dignity and sprightliness. Referring to the spirit of conservation now dominating the thoughts of all patriotic citizens, Mrs. Scott called attention to the concrete form it is taking, and her statement that she was going to give up sign petitions and begin to plant potatoes was enthusiastically applauded.

Mrs. John Jacob Rogers was hostess at a small tea Friday afternoon, entertaining in compliment to some of the visiting members of the D. A. R. from Massachusetts. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Francis Nash and Mrs. James Brown Scott.

Representative and Mrs. J. Willard Bagdale entertained at dinner on Wednesday the Japanese ambassador, Mr. Aino, to Sato, and the Chinese minister and Mrs. V. K. Wellington Koo.

Mrs. Poindexter Hostess. Mrs. Miles Poindexter entertained at

rious illness of both at their home in this city. Mrs. Seifridge, who came from California in the early winter to be with her mother, is now with Admiral and Mrs. Upshur, who for almost half a century have been identified with the old-time courtly element of Washington society.

Miss Edith Stott of Lowell, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Albert A. Clemmons, who entertained at luncheon in her honor Friday. Mrs. Clemmons and Miss Stott are neighbors in the summer colony at Little Bear's Head, Rye Beach, N. H., where they each have charming homes.

Miss Maria Copeland of Round Hill, Va., was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mrs. Mary Surder of New Jersey Friday evening at the Hotel Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace R. Maher, who were married last Wednesday, have arrived at the Green Brier, White Sulphur Springs, for a visit after spending a day or two at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Patton Buchanan and Mrs. Carl Stengle left Washington last week to join their husbands, Lieut. Patton Buchanan and Lieut. Carl Stengle, U. S. A.

Cady—Warring.

A quiet wedding took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Stephen's Church, when Miss Julia Warring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Warring, became the bride of Mr. Frank R. Cady, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cady.

The Rev. Joseph H. Cassidy performed the ceremony in the presence of a

small company of relatives and friends. The bride wore a becoming gown of blue messaline, with bead trimming. Her white lace was wreathed with flowers. She wore a shoulder cape of white fur and carried a bouquet of bride roses.

Miss Lillian Warring attended her sister as maid of honor, wearing a blue satin gown, with a white hat, and carrying a bouquet of sweet peas. Mr. C. R. Gonnell acted as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Cady left immediately after the ceremony for their wedding trip. They will reside at Washington on their return.

Mrs. Helen S. Wright, author of several well known works, is spending some time at Washington at the Hotel Gordon.

Mrs. James O. Messerly of Warren, Pa., who has been visiting Representative and Mrs. John B. White at the St. Nicholas apartments, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Grandin, 1515 New Hampshire avenue, are entertaining Mrs. L. L. Hunter of Tidewater, Pa.

The members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Lafayette square, will give their annual missionary tea in the parish hall on Wednesday from 4 to 7 o'clock. Those especially interested in the tea are Miss Jane Wilkes, Mrs. Henry Todd, Miss B. C. Sexton, Mrs. Marcus Benjamin, Mrs. Allen Boyd, Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, Mrs. C. H. Stockton, Mrs. Percy Wilson, Edward S. Dunlap, Mrs. Percy Myers, Miss Ellen Smith, Mrs. Percy Myers, Miss Annie Grey and Miss McCarty.

The executive committee of the National Society of the Daughters of the Founders and Patriots of America held its annual tea and conference at the Raleigh Hotel Saturday, April 14, from 4 to 7 o'clock. Members from most of the states in the Union were present to greet the national president, Mrs. Thomas K. Noble. In the receiving line with Mrs. Noble were Mrs. William Van Zandt Cox, Mrs. John Myers and Mrs. William M. Hannay. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. Gaius M. Brumbaugh and Mrs. Thaddeus M. Jones. At the conference which followed the members enthusiastically endorsed a plan to raise money to be expended for supplies for field hospitals.

Miss Marguerite E. Weller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin P. Weller, who is to be married Tuesday, April 24, to Mr. Richard W. Hyson, has been much feted during the past week. Mrs. Frederick R. Franzoni, whose daughter is to be flower girl, and Mrs. Reginald Wyckliffe Geare, matron of honor for Miss Weller, entertained fifty guests at a box party in her honor at Keith's Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Edwards announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Hortense Mary Aloysius Edwards, to Mr. Francis J. Becker of this city. On account of the recent death of Mr. Edwards the wedding will be very quiet and will take place this spring.

Mr. Orlando Roulant of New York, whose portraits and water colors are now being shown at the New National Museum, is returning to Washington Tuesday. He will be a guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Atherton.

Mrs. Victor Cushman and Miss Katherine Porter are in charge of the arrangements for a joint lecture and concert for the benefit of the American Aid for Homeless Belgian Children. Mr. William Phelps Esq. has loaned his house for the benefit, which will be given Friday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Edward Deru, court violinist, who was heard here in recital earlier in the season at the residence of Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, will be the artist and the lecture, "Belgium Before and After," will be given by Mme. Victor Horta, who has been appointed to represent the Belgian government in the aid work in this country.

Mrs. William Corcoran Hill was hostess at an informal tea yesterday afternoon, entertaining in compliment to Mrs. James Robert McKee, the house guest of Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, and Mrs. Breckinridge Long, wife of the new third assistant secretary of state.

Mrs. H. Campbell Graef entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Elbert H. Gary.

Mrs. Henry F. Dimock was hostess at a large dinner party last evening.

Mrs. Ward Denys, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Gwendolen Denys, Miss Muriel Denys and Miss Margaret Denys, has returned from a visit of several months at Honolulu, having made the return trip by way of Canada, stopping at Montreal and Quebec.

Mrs. Marshall Presides.

Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall presided at a committee meeting of the women of the Senate yesterday morning in her apartment at the Willard, called to discuss plans for some form of patriotic work to be undertaken at the present crisis. There will be a meeting Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Willard, attended by the wives of the senators, or the women of their families who reside over senatorial households, when some definite work will be mapped out and undertaken by this important circle of women.

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